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THE CARROLL COUNTY QUARTERLY COURT

Holds Important Session Next Monday—Appoint Educational Board

The regular July session of the Carroll county quarterly court was not held last Monday on account of it being July 4 and many of the members wanted to celebrate the day in a different way, and the term will be held next Monday.

The court will likely be called upon to elect an educational board under recent change in the educational laws of the state. This new law provides for the election of a board of seven members and this board is to have full control of all the schools of the county.

Some county courts are declining to qualify under the new school law, providing for the selection of this new county board of education. These courts are ruling that their counties are exempt under Section 11 of chapter 120 of the acts of 1921 which reads:

"Section 11.—Provided that nothing in this bill shall be construed as applying or effecting in any manner counties now operating under county elementary boards of education; and providing that nothing in this bill shall be construed as applying or limiting the duties of such special school districts as may have already been created in this state by the Legislature."

We have a county board of education which has control of the elementary schools of the county, and we have a county high school board which has control of the high schools of the county, and we also have special school districts created by acts of the legislature, each one having its special board of education.

It seems to us that our county court under these conditions would be amply warranted in declining to qualify under this new law. One great trouble with our school system is the fact that we have too many and too frequent changes, and we might add too many laws. Turning over to seven members the entire control of our schools, with all details of the various schools to be worked out, appeals to us as a rather hazzardous proposition.

The schools are progressing very well under the present system, the people have become accustomed to it, and it might be best, if it can be done legally, to let things remain as they now exist.

G.O.P. PLEDGES SEEM PURE BUNCOMBE

Merit a Requirement to Appointment Doubt by Many at Washington

The following special from Washington appeared in The Commercial Appeal of last Wednesday:

There seems to be as much outstanding buncombe as pledged business in the republican administration's announcement at the outset of its control to the effect that in naming applicants for federal offices personal merit and demonstrated capacity for efficient service would be given precedence over mere party politics in the consideration of awards.

A Tennessee contest to be decided this week, will probably verify the buncombe charge. Reference is made to the fight over the internal revenue collectorship which is now disturbing the republican party in Tennessee as no other patronage contest has since the old volunteer states in a wicked moment last November, went wrong.

Ten days ago it seemed apparent

that Commissioner of Internal Revenue Blair had about decided to appoint Eugene Priest to succeed E. B. Craig as internal revenue collector at Nashville. Since then political influence, aggressively asserted, has made the appointment of Judge Pat Brewer, of Jasper, Marion county, a probability. The latter has the united support of the republican state organization and of the five republican congressmen from Tennessee.

Mr. Priest's nomination is urged by former United States Senator Newell Sanders and by a large element in both political parties whose interest in the contest seems to be prompted by the desire to see a deserved official honor rightfully bestowed regardless of party or factional alignment. The stock argument used against Priest is that he has never been constructively active in republican politics in his state.

TWO INTERESTING TRIALS LAST WEEK

White Men Tried for Killing Negroes—One Convicted the Other Acquitted

It is sometimes said that a white man cannot be convicted of murder if the victim is a negro. This may sometime be true, but not always so.

Last week when Floyd Knighton, of Buena Vista, was acquitted for the killing of a negro boy who was prowling around his home last January, you could hear it said on the streets of Huntingdon that a white man could not be convicted for killing a negro.

A few days later Lige Crews, another white man, was tried for killing a negro, and he was convicted, knocking out the theory advanced when the result of the first case was announced.

In the first trial the sanctity of the home and the right to protect the home against invaders played an important part. In the last trial the fact that the white man had shot craps and drank whisky with his victim, who was recognized as a bad character, and his evident lack of good character himself operated against the defendant in his trial.

Sentiment and sympathy were strong factors in the first case, the lack of it hurt the defendant in the second case.

COMMITTS SUICIDE CUTS HIS THROAT

John Brandon Being Despondent Over Bad Health Takes His Own Life

John Brandon, a citizen of the Fourth district, took his own life last Saturday by cutting his throat with a razor. The terrible tragedy occurred about 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Brandon lived on the Carson farm about two miles east of McKenzie. For some time he had been in bad health, and his mind shown signs of failing. He was in a Kentucky hospital some time ago for treatment and after returning home had grown despondent.

Saturday morning he tried to borrow a gun from two parties but failed to get one to suit him. After eating a hearty dinner he left the house and went down into a field and an hour later was found lying on the ground dead, with a deep cut on the right side of his throat. He bled freely and must have died instantly. He still held the razor in his hand.

Mr. Brandon was about 50 years old and is survived by his wife and several children. He came to this county a few years ago from Hazel Ky., and his remains were carried back there for burial. He was a clever man with many friends.

Mrs. R. K. Perry Dead

Mrs. Willie Bell Perry, wife of R. K. Perry, of McKenzie, died last Saturday night at 11 o'clock after an illness of four weeks with typhoid fever. The deceased had the very best attention but the skill of physicians and care of friends failed to overcome the disease and save her to her loved ones and friends. Mrs. Perry was a most excellent woman, being a devoted member of the Methodist church and was held in the very highest esteem by all who knew her. She was not only devoted to her family, but she was a useful member of her community and she will be missed. She is survived by her husband and several children some of them quite young. The burial occurred Tuesday at Chapel Hill, in the community where she formerly lived. A short funeral service was held at the home in McKenzie before leaving for the cemetery, conducted by Rev. Edgar McCoy. The bereaved have the sympathy of a host of friends.

NEW GRAND JURY FOREMAN APPOINTED

The Court After a Holiday Took Up the Grind Again Tuesday Morning

The circuit court, after taking a recess from Saturday morning on through the holiday, resumed business again last Tuesday morning.

One of the most important things done, the latter part of last week, was the naming, by the court, of Edgar Traywick as grand jury foreman, to take the place of W. E. Hailey, whose time had expired. The foreman is appointed for two years. Mr. Traywick is a good man and will give the very best of his ability and attention to the duties of the office.

When the Democrat's forms were closed last week Floyd Knighton's case was in the hands of the jury. Knighton was charged with killing a negro boy named Tommie Hart last January at Buena Vista, and was acquitted by the jury.

Another murder case was disposed of last week. Lige Crews, a white man, was found guilty of murder in the second degree, for the killing of Lewis Saules some time last year. This was a hard fought case and attracted much interest. Large crowds attended the hearing. Crews and Saules, were not the best friends, but had engaged in a crap game just before the killing. Crews was the only white man in the game, and trouble arose between him and Saules. Crews left the game, secured a gun, returned and shot the negro to death. The jury was out only a short while. The punishment is ten years in the penitentiary.

Judge Joe E. Jones and Lake Erie Holladay, of Dresden; D. A. Burkhalter and M. L. McKenzie, of McKenzie, and Ed Smith, of Milan, are among the lawyers attending court here this week.

A number of McKenzie citizens were here a day or so last week and again this week as litigants and witnesses in the case of John Tippitt, Jr. by next friend, J. G. Tippitt, vs. American Extract & Vinegar Co. This is a suit for damages and much interest is manifested in the case.

B. M. Cole and Kirk Gossett, who were found guilty at the last term of court of transporting whisky, and the sentence was held up to this term, were sentenced last Saturday. The court fined them

\$175 each and gave them 30 days in jail. They were committed to jail Saturday.

T. E. Bennett was fined \$10 for public profanity.

Walter Butler was tried Wednesday on the charge of voting in two primaries, one democratic and the other republican, in the August primary of last year. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty and the court fixed a fine against him of \$50. Butler did not deny voting in both primaries, but claimed that he voted for congressman only in the democratic primary.

Jim Keaton and Clarence McLeomore were fined \$5 each for violating the Carroll county stock law.

Bud Oakley, of Benton county, was tried on the charge of public drunkenness, resulting in a hang jury.

SLICK GUY CAUGHT PLAYING GARAGES

Adrain Bramley is Victim of a Smooth Artist Whom He Favored With Cash

A nice looking young fellow, well dressed, dropped into the Ware Garage Tuesday evening, claiming to be a representative of the Tennessee Biscuit Company. He stated that his car was in trouble out near Hollow Rock and asked that the trouble service be sent out. In the meantime he borrowed of Mr. Bramley a couple of dollars to tide him over until the banks opened the next morning, when he would get a \$116 expense check cashed.

He spent the night at the hotel, and was gone next morning when business opened. The service crew found no disabled car. A telegram came in from Waverly and also from Camden, where he had pulled off similar stunts. Mr. Bramley finally heard of him being on the highway near Terry's hooling it toward Jackson, and with Officer Dock Spicer and Floyd Joyner, motored out to Terry's and brought the gentleman in. He was turned over to Sheriff Aden. He gave his name as Lawton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Gibson and sons, Gene, of Decatur, Ala., and Vernon, of Paint Rock, Ala., after visiting relatives here left Sunday to return to their home, making the trip in their car.

MCKENZIE LEGION CELEBRATES FOURTH

Captain Gordon Browning and Hon. D. A. Burkhalter are Speakers—Large Crowd

The American Legion of McKenzie, full of patriotism and pep, pulled off one of the biggest Fourth of July demonstrations last Monday witnessed in these parts for many years. The occasion had been well advertised and a crowd, estimated at 5,000 people from Carroll, Henry and Weakley counties, was in attendance.

The crowd gathered in a beautiful grove near town and the day was spent in listening to speeches, music, recitations and witnessing games of sport and fun. The Milan band furnished music, Hon. D. A. Burkhalter spoke in the morning and Capt. Gordon Browning in the afternoon. Several young ladies gave recitations. The old fiddlers' contest was a most interesting feature of the occasion, as was a drill by a number of soldiers and sailors in uniform. There was a ball game between the McKenzie and Paris teams, resulting in a victory for the visiting nine.

There was plenty of barbecued meat with the trimmings, and a number of cold drink stands helped to quench the thirst of the crowd. The affair was well managed and a big success. The legion has decided to make this an annual affair. The business houses closed and everybody gave the boys a helping hand by attending and cooperating with them in adding to the success of the day.

Singing Closes

C. H. Presson will close his singing school at Macedonia next Sunday with an all-day service. Rev. Pafford, of Big Sandy, will preach at the 11 o'clock hour, the remainder of the day to be spent in singing. There will be dinner on the ground and a large crowd will likely be in attendance. Mr. Presson is closing a very fine school at that place.

Blackberry Crop

The wild blackberry crop is now being gathered and placed on the local market. The yield is said to be fairly good, considering the extremely dry weather which has hurt the growth and maturity of the berry to some extent. The berry, consequently, is not so large as is some time the case. The prices have been very good and the colored people especially have gathered and sold quite a quantity of the crop for canning purposes.

LIGHTNING STRIKES

GEO. BEVEL'S HOUSE

Every Member of the Family Badly Shocked Except Mr. Bevel Who Escaped

Lightning struck the home of Mr. George Bevel, near Enon church in the Twenty-second district, last Monday evening. The entire family, consisting of six or seven members, was badly shocked except Mr. Bevel, who escaped.

The family had just returned from the McKenzie picnic and gone into the house when the storm came up, and a bolt of lightning tore into the house, shocking the members so badly that for a time it was thought several of the family were dead. Physicians were called, neighbors came in, and the injured ones were brought back to consciousness and finally rallied from the injuries received.

The report got circulated here that the entire family, with the exception of one member, was killed, and it was up in the day Tuesday before the real facts were learned.

The Grand Leader

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